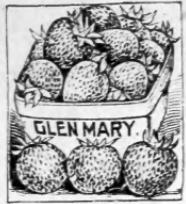


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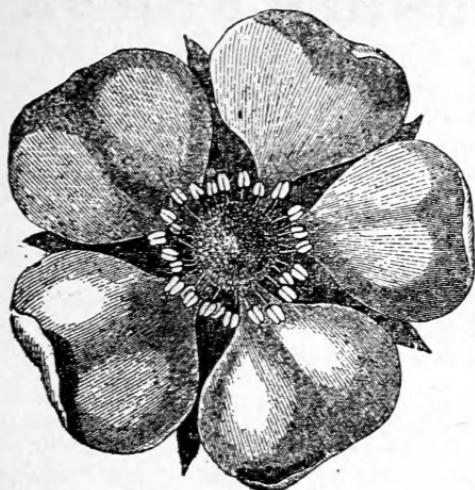
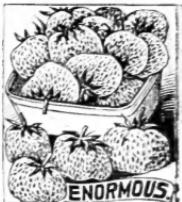
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# STRAWBERRIES.

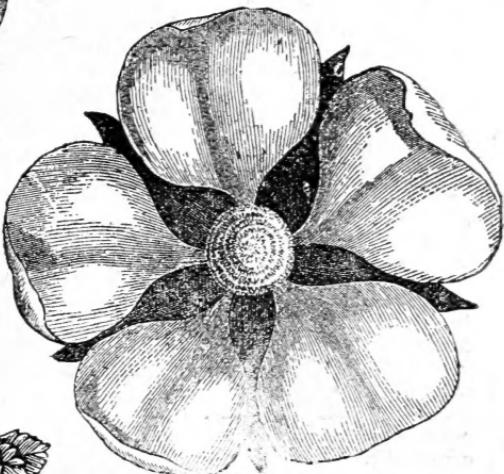
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## HOW AND WHEN TO PLANT



FIG. 7.  
SET JUST RIGHT.



FIG. 8.  
SET TOO DEEP.



FIG. 9.  
SET TOO SHALLOW.

Figure 7 shows you a plant properly placed in the ground. The top of the crown, where the leaves come out, should be just above the surface, after the plant is set and the soil leveled down around it. The lines in these figures indicate the surface of the ground.

Figure 8 shows a plant set too deep. Earth over the crown will usually kill it, or at least prevent its doing well. Fig. 9 shows a plant set too shallow. The air can get to the roots, and so can the sunshine, and the plant will not do well under such conditions. The roots should all be in the ground. I do not suppose anyone would set a plant quite as deep as in figure 8, nor quite as shallow as shown by figure 9. I have exaggerated these cuts to make the lesson plain. Also the leaves on the plant are a little more upright than you usually find them when setting out. They often crinkle down so as to be in the way. Of course we had to put them out of the way in these pictures so as to show you plainly just how to do the setting. Do not make the holes except as fast as you want to set the plants, so as to have the soil moist where the roots will touch. Take the plants out of the pail only as fast as you want to set them.

**EARLY SPRING**, just as soon as the ground can be easily worked, is the best time of all the whole year to plant strawberries in any section where there are extreme frosts in winter, especially if planting is to be done on a large scale and plants have to be brought from a distance. How to plant will depend largely upon local conditions, size and shape of the field, etc.. In the small family garden or city lot, where there is little chance to use horse and cultivator, they may be planted one foot apart each way, in two or three rows then leave a space of three feet to furnish path during picking season. Planted in this way all runners should be kept off the original plants, since for their best development they require each about one square foot.

For field culture mark out the rows 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  to 5 feet wide and set plants 18 to 20 inches apart in the rows. Then if we wish to follow the narrow row system we let each plant strike a few runners along the line of the row, and then, later in the season, keep all runners off; while if the broad matted row is wanted, all runners are allowed to take root and the cultivator narrowed up a little at each cultivation during the latter part of the season, till we have matted rows of plants two feet wide, with walk one foot wide between them. The narrow is the more profitable of these two systems, yet the matted row is the most adopted as many are of the opinion that the more plants the more berries.

# **POOR PLANTS AND GOOD PLANTS**

FIG. 2—**A POOR PLANT.**

Look at the accompanying figure 2 and you will see a small, feeble plant, such as are sent out by some nurseries and called cheap, because they only ask a small price per 1000 for them, when the fact is they are extremely costly

at any price, or even as a gift. I have often bought new varieties at fancy prices and had just this kind of stock sent me, and opening them I often hear my workmen say: "Why is it people send you such common plants? You do not send away anything as common as that." We do not send our customers any such plants, but throw all such in the trash heap.

FIG. 3—**A GOOD PLANT.**

Now look at fig. 3 and you will get some idea of the kind of plants you get when you order from me. I buy plants largely myself and for my own planting I would sooner pay \$5 per 1000 for plants like the one shown in fig. 3 than I would plant fig. 2 as a gift. I have tried both and know whereof I speak. Fig. 2 will stay just as far behind fig. 3 all the year as it appears in the above illustrations, no matter how much attention you may give them. Now friends decide which you will take, and if you decide on fig. 3 plants I would be pleased to have your order, and will do all in my power to give you satisfaction, but if you want the kind shown in fig. 2, SEND TO THAT OTHER FELLOW.

## **MY • PLANTS.**

I call your special attention to my fine, large stock of plants, which is probably the largest and most valuable selection to be found in this country. No time or expense has been spared to find the best of everything in the Strawberry family for our customers. The past season I have traveled far and near that I might see the new varieties, claimed to be of great merit, in fruit. Some I have found to be as represented, and in many respects superior to anything heretofore offered. These have been added to my list. Other varieties of CLAIMED importance have been found wanting and have been left out of my list. I would also draw your attention to the fact that my stock is STRICTLY PURE. Agents may tell you that because I sell stock at one-half their prices it is not true to name. But if it should be found otherwise I will be at Salisbury, Md.: but if theirs should be badly mixed, WHERE WOULD YOU FIND THE AGENT? Echo answers, where? My business is directly with the grower and I invite one and all who can do so to examine my stock. Some unscrupulous Western nurserymen, struggling to direct trade to themselves, have been publishing the claims through their catalogues that "Maryland stock, or Eastern stock," is very inferior to Western grown. That claim is a LIE, pure and simple, and no respectable person would allow such a statement to be printed over his name. The fact is, there are good plants and poor plants grown throughout the East, and there are good plants and poor plants grown throughout the West, and the kind of plants you get depends largely on the kind of man you buy from. I have bought plants from a great many different sections and different men and I have almost invariably found that the man I bought from had more to do with the quality of the plants received than the section of country from which they came. Some of those Western men who have been making claims that Maryland stock is inferior to Western stock are among my largest customers, and I challenge any Western grower to produce finer, larger, healthier and better rooted strawberry plants than I can and do grow here in Wicomico County, Maryland.



A. BLAKE, PHIL.

**GLEN MARY**—The Glen Mary is a chance seedling which originated with Mr. Jas. A. Ingram of East Bradford township, Chester county, Pa., (Mr. Jas. A. Ingram is an uncle of Mr. Edward T. Ingram, the well known originator of the famous Brandywine strawberry.)

On its native heath the Glen Mary is an exceedingly attractive berry. Its exact origin is not known but its originator had previously only the Crescent, Sharpless and Dower's Prolific and it is supposed to be a descendant of one or more of these varieties. It is larger than the Sharpless or in fact any other berry that it has ever been the writer's privilege to look upon. The accompanying illustration was made from a photograph of a quart basket of the Glen Mary picked by the writer in Mr. Ingram's patch on the 12th day of last June. The basket used was a full sized quart basket and our readers can judge of its immense size therefrom. While the basket is heaped to its utmost capacity almost a quart of fruit piled on above the level of the basket only eight berries are visible. In fact it was the grandest basket of strawberries I ever saw and in quality if not superior to all others was certainly equal to the best.

In productiveness it far surpasses the Crescent, not in number of berries

but in quarts of berries. The past season one quarter of an acre picked at the rate of 1280 quarts per acre at a single picking and over 12,000 during the season.

The originator of Glen Mary may be pardoned for the pride with which he speaks of the handsome fruit gathered this year, and his claim must be regarded with respect when he says that the Glen Mary produced the largest berries this year exposed for sale on the West Chester market.

The Glen Mary began to ripen at its home in Chester county, Pa. the past season on May 28th and the claim seems warranted that it is capable of producing big berries all through the fruiting season.

Mr. Ingram tells of one particular quart of berries especially selected for photography which contained only twelve giant specimens of the Glen Mary strawberry. Can anyone present a better record.

We have one of the photographs of the twelve berries now in our office for the inspection of anyone who doubts the above statement.

As to its immense size the Rural New Yorker speaks as follows: "Glen Mary received from E. T. Ingram, April 1894. Imperfect bi-sexual. June 7, 1895, largest ripe berries up to date. Good shape for so large a berry. June 9th, berries very large, firm enough for a near market, about the shape of Sharpless. June 11th, large to very large. June 14th, a large yielder of large berries of good form, broad heart shaped, often widening at the tip, one of the most promising of our latter trials. June 17th, past its best. June 18th, still bearing a good many berries which hold their size unusually well. June 21st, still in bearing. Many of the berries are of the largest size."

John Little of Ont., says: "I have fruited Glen Mary twice and am well pleased with it, both in plant and fruit. Plant a luxurious grower, fruit very large."

Geo. F. Beede of New Hampshire, writes: "It is a pleasure to speak well of Glen Mary, as it is such a productive variety of very large fine looking fruit. more productive than Brandywine, Wm. Belt, Lovett or Cyclone."

A. L. Smith of Washington (state), says: "Glen Mary is a very strong healthy plant; very prolific, of good size and bright glossy color, generally of good form. I like it, with me it is away ahead of Brandywine."

In conclusion I wish to say that I offer the Glen Mary to the public conscientiously believing it to be a better berry for LARGE SIZE, PRODUCTIVENESS and GOOD QUALITY than has ever been offered to the American people and I especially recommend it for the home garden and local market. When Crescent will bring 5 cents per quart and Bubach 10 cents, Glen Mary ought to bring 20 if SIZE and QUALITY cuts any figure in the price and it is my candid opinion that no berry grower can place two dollars where it will bring larger returns than for a dozen of these plants. I have bought the entire stock and it will not be for sale by anyone else before the fall of '96 or spring of '97. Order early as there will be 50,000 copies of this catalogue sent out and the stock may be exhausted late in the season. Price \$2 per dozen, \$10 per 100.

**SUNRISE.**—A vigorous growing plant of the Crescent type, although having broader, thicker leaves; imperfect blossom; wonderfully productive of medium sized, obtuse conical berries; dark glossy scarlet, with white flesh; moderately firm, subacid, of high flavor. Fully as productive as, and averaging one-third larger than, Crescent. Came to us without flourish of trumpets, but for three years now has proved itself a wonder of productiveness. Any one who was ever satisfied with Crescent would be more than happy with a bed of Sunrise. You must get up early to beat it!" So says Hale Bros.



**THE ENORMOUS.**—This is a new berry from Illinois and though it is yet but little known it is bound to become one of the standard berries of this country. Its general appearance resembles the Bubach No. 5, but the plant is a much better grower and the foliage stands up higher. The fruit is as large if not larger than Bubach No. 5, and decidedly firmer. It is sometimes fan shaped in the largest specimens and often wedge shaped but generally has a smooth surface. The color is deep crimson, having the appearance of being varnished and the flesh is highly colored through and through. It would probably be one of the best for canning and preserving. The accompanying illustration is considerably reduced in size, but our readers can judge the size correctly as this picture was made from a photograph taken from nature of a full sized quart basket filled with berries of this valuable variety and four laying outside the basket, three of which laying side by side are wider than the quart basket. No one will probably ever regret planting the "Enormous" unless it has a choice of soils, which it does not seem to have from what I have seen of

it. With me, the past season, it yielded at the rate of 1000 quarts per acre at a single picking on light soil only medium in fertility and without manure. I do not hesitate to recommend it as one of the best berries ever put on market.

A Worcester Co. (Md.) nurseryman speaks of it as follows: "I saw the Enormous in fruit this season; it was the best in a field of more than 60 varieties and while most other varieties rusted badly, this showed no sign of rust. Berries were hanging in large clusters in matted beds. I consider Enormous equal to the best I ever saw and I have been fruiting all the best kinds introduced for over thirty-five years."

The Rural New Yorker speaks of it as follows: "In so far as may be judged from spring set plants this is well named. It seems among the earliest. Shape very variable, between scarlet and crimson in color, firm and good quality. A promising early variety."

Ed. Herron of Barry county, Mo., says that "of 26 varieties fruited on my place Enormous was in the lead. It has fruited for me two years and in my 23 years of experiance in strawberry growing I have never seen its equal."

**WM. BELT**—"Six years ago the late Wm. Belt of Williamsburg, Ohio, sent this variety to me on trial, claiming it to be larger than Bubach, twice as productive and of much better quality, I purchased the entire stock and now offer it as a variety of great merit. It has been tested in many places and has never failed to my knowledge. I could furnish many testimonials had I room to publish them. The plant is large and healthy, a luxuriant grower and very productive; blossom perfect. The fruit is the largest I ever saw. On more than one occasion I have had 12 berries that made a quart. The first berries that ripen are apt to be coxcombed but all the others are regular conical form, It colors all over and is as red and glossy as any in cultivation. It is as firm as other berries and among the best in quality." M. Crawford.

"Berries large, conical, rather long, regular in outline, bright red, glossy, quality good, moderately firm, plants vigorous, healthy and quite prolific. This is one of the most promising varieties ever tested at the station. In size and general appearance it compares favorably with the Marshall, but holds out better toward the end of the season and gives a greater number of large berries. It has been tested two seasons here and the Marshall only one, hence an opinion as to relative value here would be premature. The Marshall has pretty generally been accorded a high place and the probability is that Wm. Belt will take about the same rank." Ohio Experiment Station, Oct. 1894.

My stock came direct from Mr. Crawford at a cost of \$10 per dozen. I have not fruited it yet, but my plants can't be beat. They have made a wonderful growth. Try a dozen.

**BOUNCER**—This is the big fellow which Hale Bros., paid my father (A. J. Allen) \$50 in gold for naming. I procured several dozen of these plants from the Messrs. Hale last spring at a cost of \$5 per dozen. These costly plants have had a very soft well made bed and have been fed as liberally as a pet pig. They have responded wonderfully to this treatment and I have several thousand large, healthy, well rooted plants to offer my customers by the dozen and hundred at one fifth the price I paid. I have not fruited the Bouncer yet except on spring set plants. On these the fruit was very fine and I have no doubt this berry will prove a valuable acquisition.

Hale Bros. describe the "Bouncer" as follows: "A lady walked into our office one day last June with a basket of the largest strawberries we had ever seen; told us picking had been going on two weeks and these were not the largest." Two or three days later we visited the plat and found the vines still loaded with enormous sized berries of the Minor type, but many times larger than that variety. Not only big but a great yielder and fine quality. Plants stood a foot and a half high."

Our plants of this variety will please all who see them. No one has better.



**ELEANOR.**—Is described by its introducer as follows: "THE LARGEST AND EARLIEST VERY EARLY STRAWBERRY."

For a long time fruit growers and amateurs alike have been looking for a strawberry that was both large and very early, possessing all the necessary properties of vigor and productiveness of plant, and firmness, fine appearance and good quality of fruit. In Crystal City we have earliness, but its berries are insignificant; in several other varieties large size, but they all ripen in midseason or late. The Eleanor is second to none in earliness, ripening with Crystal City and in advance of all others; in size rivalling the Sharpless, retaining its size well to the end of the season; in productiveness surpassing the famous Crescent; in firmness equal to the Wilson, is of bright scarlet color and has few equals in quality. Among other valuable properties of the Eleanor may be mentioned its uniform size, color and shape, never coxcombed, and coloring evenly all over with no green tip, a strong staminate or perfect blossom, and especially vigorous; a field of it after picking season being as green as a field of clover, when all other varieties are sere and brown.

This Strawberry is a chance seedling found in Atlantic County, New Jersey, and has been thoroughly tested in field culture on an extended scale for several years. It is by far the earliest large berry and the most prolific early variety yet offered."

The Rural New Yorker speaks as follows: "Received September 12 1894. This is claimed to be the earliest variety that is very productive and of large size. As judged from these fall set plants, we would say that the vines have made a sturdy growth. The plant is large, ~~wide~~, heart shaped, dark red, good quality. This note was made June 3d."

With me the berry has not yet fruited but as grown from plants set last spring it is vigorous, healthy foliage, not a spot of rust and looks very promising. I venture to say that my plants of Eleanor are twice as large as those sent out by the introducer last spring and those who favor me with their orders will get good, strong, healthy plants.

**CLYDE.**—This new variety really has considerable merit and might very appropriately be described as Slayman & Black's best. It originated with these gentlemen several years ago and has been thoroughly tested by them before putting it on the market. They describe it as follows. "Very early and the best berry in all respects that has come under our observation, immensely productive of large to very large berries, of most excellent quality and as a shipper it is second to none."

With me it has fruited once on a very small plot and while it was badly injured by frost it came through much better than many others planted in the adjoining rows and ripened some very fine fruit. It certainly showed remarkable productiveness and while not immensely large it was large enough to entitle it to be classified as a large berry. The foliage is a light green in color, an upright grower and makes very strong healthy plants.

**BRUNETTE.**—Mr. G. Cowing, the originator, with whom it has fruited seven years, has described it thus: "This variety, in its combination of delicious flavor and beauty, has probably taken a step in advance of any variety now generally cultivated. Its berries are above medium size, round, and almost invariably perfect; of a dark mahogany color when fully ripe—a shade darker than Warrfield—and without any white tip. The plant is a strong grower and as free from rust as any variety now cultivated. Flower perfect. The fruit is quite firm, very handsome, and remarkable for its exquisite flavor. It is the most attractive strawberry in my collection, and readily sells for from three to five cents per quart more than my best Bubachs and Haverlands on account of its superior qualities. For two seasons invalids at Muncie have sent regularly three miles into the country to its originator for Brunette berries because they claimed it was the only variety they could eat with impunity."

Prof. J. Troop, of the Indiana Experiment Station, where Brunette has been three years on trial, places it at the head of all varieties at the station for delicious flavor.

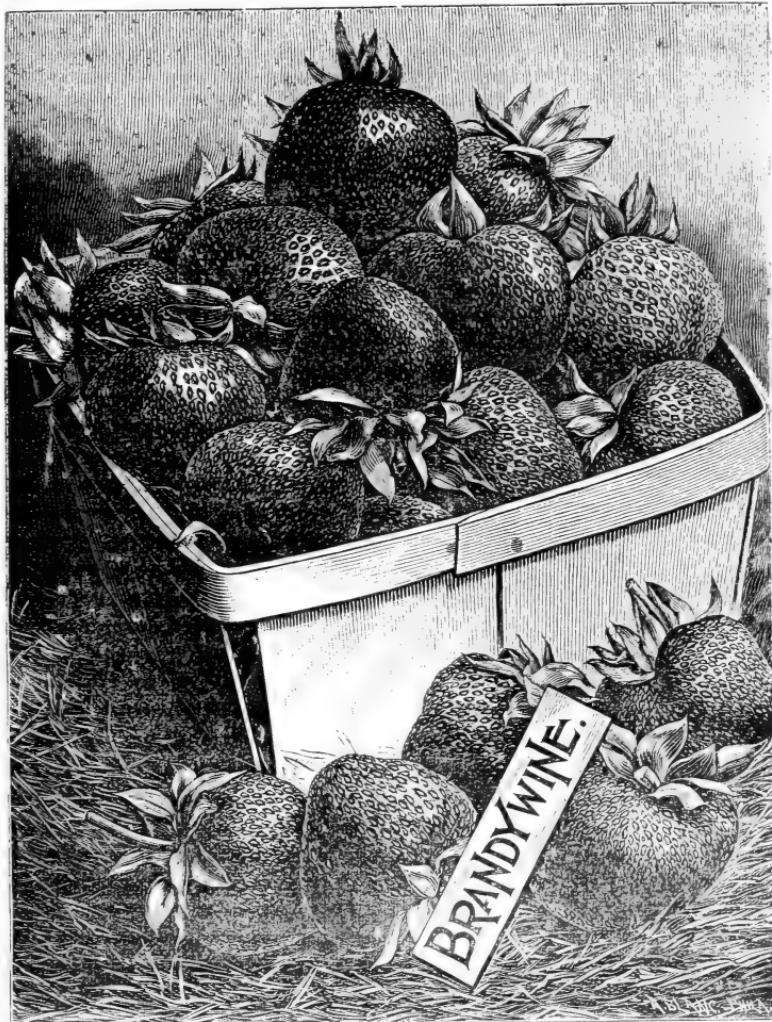
The following is the report of Ohio Experiment Station for 1894: "Berries medium to large: conical to roundish, very uniform and regular in size and form: dark red, glossy and beautiful in appearance: quality excellent, comparable with the Prince of the Berries in this particular: plants vigorous, healthy and fairly productive. For the home garden this variety is unequalled, and in some markets would no doubt prove profitable. The variety has been on trial several seasons, and thus far stands at the head for the home garden."

Mr. Crawford says: "This is the variety to raise when one wants the best quality. It has been well tested and all who have tried it are unanimous in its praise. The plant is strong and healthy. It has a perfect blossom and is a good bearer. Fruit large roundish conical, regular in form, very dark crimson even to the center and very good."

With me it has not yet fruited but the above reports considering the source from whence they came ought to be satisfactory. One thing I can say it is a very fine upright grower with an abundance of dark green healthy foliage. My stock of this is very nice.



**TUBBS.**—This is a new variety from Anne Arundel county, Md., and does not have to go abroad to find popularity as in its native county where it is well and favorably known, the person having out the most Tubbs is considered the most fortunate grower. This berry is highly honored by having conferred upon it the name of its originator and introducer. Mr. John Tubbs is an honorable and honest old gentleman whose kindly face will long be remembered by the writer who had the pleasure of enjoying his hospitality for a few brief hours the past June and sampling his famous "Tubbs berries" where he was picking 1000 quarts per acre at a single picking on rather thin light soil. The berry is very productive of fruit above medium size, good form and color. Its carrying qualities Mr. Tubbs says are good. Time of ripening medium early. The above illustration was made from a photograph taken the first of last June when the fruiting season of the Tubbs was about one half spent. This berry is very productive and in plant growth I doubt if it has a superior for vigor and health and its drought resisting qualities are simply astonishing. It seems to do well on any soil. I shall plant largely of it. My plants were grown from stock received direct from the originator last spring and is strictly pure. Those who want plants will do well to order early as the demand will be large.



**BRANDYWINE**—The above illustration is true to nature and was made from a photograph of a quart of berries picked by the writer on the 12th of last June in the beautiful Brandywine valley, on the farm of Mr. Edward T. Ingram, with whom it originated. Many of our readers will naturally jump at the conclusion that this quart of berries was made up from the largest specimens to be obtained in the patch of  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres, but such was not the case as each crate after crate was being filled with beautiful fruit equally as fine as this shown in the illustration. This is not heresay or second hand news, I was there to see for myself. On June 11th this plot containing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  acres yielded 1650 quarts or 1100 quarts per acre at a single picking. This is one of the most valuable ever sent out. It has not a single defect that I know of. The plant is a luxuriant grower, healthy and hardy and very productive; blossom perfect; fruit very large, of good form bright red all over and good quality. Season medium to very late. It succeeds on any soil. Having great faith in this berry last spring after reading so many glowing accounts of it the previous season I bought heavily of the plants and in fact bought more of it than any one else so I was told.

by the owner and I now have probably more plants of the Brandywine than any other one person in the world. They are strictly pure and as fine as can be produced. It is needless to say more as almost every strawberry grower in the land has heard of the Brandywine, and I do not see how any one can ever regret planting it.

**MARSHALL**.—This has made a splendid growth considering the dry weather. The foliage is very bluff and healthy looking and was among the most attractive in a field of over 60 kinds. As I have not yet fruited the marshall I will give Mr. Crawford's description.

"I have fruited Marshall twice and am very much pleased with it. I know of no other early berry that is as large and fine looking. The plant is faultless. The blossom is perfect, and it is a good bearer. It is refreshing to see such large healthy plants. The fruit is immense, of regular roundish form, dark glossy red, and of better quality than is often found in very large berries..

**SUNNYSIDE**.—Originated in Massachusetts. Introduced last spring with the following description:

"1st.—It is the latest, ripens here in Massachusetts about July 1st. 2d.—It is very vigorous and never rusts. 3d.—It is immensely productive. 4th.—

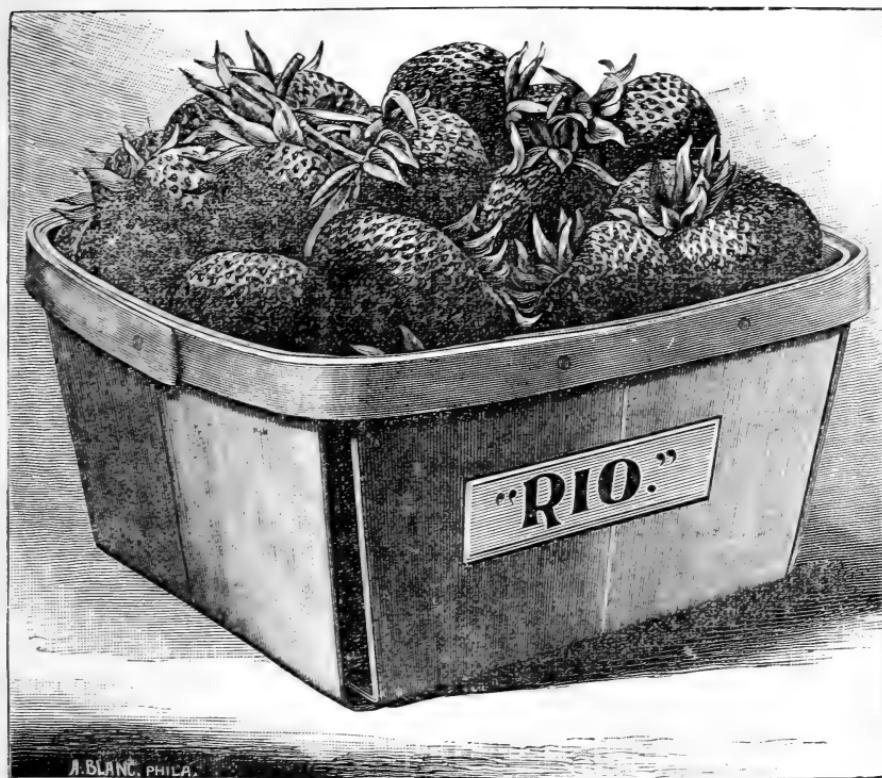
MARSHALL.

It is a most excellent shipper. 5th.—It is by all odds the handsomest berry ever exhibited and would be selected among a hundred varieties as the most showy berry. It was the most productive variety grown at the New York Experiment Station in 1893. Has not fruited here.

**GARDNER**.—This variety has truly made a wonderful growth. In size and growth of plants it somewhat resembles Parker Earle but with me it is five times as vigorous; it has not fruited here yet but from its appearance and growth I would think it a very likely variety. I am well pleased with its growth and shall watch it at fruiting time with much interest. It is said by reliable authority "To fruit heavy. Very much larger than the Crescent and about the same shape. It ripens very early and holds its size well to the last picking, sends out many runners and has the wild strawberry flavor."

Prof. Budd's opinion of the Gardner: "Joining our observations to the reports of the originator and others we conclude the Gardner will have a place in our select list. It is hard in these days to produce a variety that excels in every point some of our favorites. But I can safely say that as a pollen bearer the Gardner is scarcely equalled, and in the quantity of fruit it sets, it equals Parker Earle. In size, color, and quality, it is not superior to Haverland. In color it is not quite equal to the latter. But it has a merit not possessed by Crescent, Parker Earle, Bedder Wood, Warfield, or Haverland; it holds up well in shipping. Mr. Gardner sent us four boxes that were delayed in some way and reached us two days after the letter and the letter was as slow as the passenger travel between Osage and Ames. Yet we failed to find a crushed berry in the boxes. Our guess is that friend Gardner has discovered a very valuable strawberry."—Prof. J. L. Budd, *Rural Life*, June 29.





A. BLANC, PHILA.

**RIO**—is a good early kind, large for an early berry. Strong, healthy foliage, perfect blossom. Though not as early as Mitchel's Early, follows closely after it. The fruit is large size, evenly colored and firm enough for an excellent shipper. This is fast becoming a favorite where firm early berries are wanted for shipping purposes. The above illustration will give an idea as to its size as it was made from a photograph of a quart of berries grown on my place. I carried a quart of Rio to the Wicomico News office (a local paper published in Salisbury) and I clip the following from their next issue dated May 30.

"Mr. W. F. Allen, Jr., proprietor of the Peninsula Plant Farms, presented us last Saturday with a quart of the large strawberries we have seen this season. They were the Rio variety. The Rio is an early and very prolific berry, highly colored, and follows Mitchel's Early. Several of the berries presented us measured  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches in circumference." Enough said.

**GIANT.**—This new variety comes from Hudson River, N. Y., with claims of being the largest berry ever grown. Average specimens being  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an ounce each, while larger ones weigh an ounce or more. One quart contained but 20 berries, and weighed 18 ounces. Berries smooth and regular in form and excellent in quality. Here the plants make a strong, stocky growth, and but a moderate number of runners. Has great promise to those who are looking for extra large berries. The originator says: "The bulk of the crop was large, many measuring 6 to 7 inches in circumference; round, smooth and very solid and heavy and kept good on the plants a week after coloring. Some taken to a photographer and laid against a carpenter's rule covered more than 2 inches, and made one think at first sight that they were smooth round tomatoes. The fruit after being in a dark place became covered with a mold, but to feel it with the thumb and finger, it was much like squeezing a piece of rubber or a wilted peach, and finally dried up to the size of a small nutmeg."



**SPLENDID**—This is a wonderful plant maker, equaling, if not surpassing the Crescent and Waltham in this respect. The plants, though not stalky like Burbank and others of that class, have exceptionally long roots, and for drought resisting qualities are unequalled. The drought of the past summer has killed thousands of runners of many standard varieties, but the Splendid stood up through it all and I have not yet seen a single dead plant from the effects of the drought. The foliage is very dark green. The fruit is large and almost as round as an apple, very firm, productive and has a perfect blossom. In growing the splendid for fruit it is necessary to fight the runners as you would weeds. It should be grown in a narrow matted row and not allowed to get too thick in the row. If the runners are not kept under it will take possession of every inch of ground where it is planted. I believe this would be found especially valuable where other varieties do not grow well, as I really do not know of anything that would keep the Splendid from growing after once established.



Maryland.

W. F. ALLEN, Jr.,  
Salisbury,  
Maryland.

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From

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W. F. ALLEN, JR.  
The Peninsula Plant Farms.  
**SALISBURY, MARYLAND.**

## **ORDER SHEET FOR STRAWBERRY PLANTS.**

**Name of Buyer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Office**      **County**

<b>State</b>	<b>Nearest Express Office</b>
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**Name of Express Co.**

**Nearest Freight Office** \_\_\_\_\_ **State here whether to ship** \_\_\_\_\_

**The above to be done**

Lived on or about 1896

Date of Order 1896

*N. B.—*Sometimes when a hundred or more plants are ordered by mail it would be too

*your advantage and mine for me to send by Express charges prepaid. When it is satisfactory  
that I should do this please make an X here ( ) and be sure to give your nearest Express  
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M. Crawford says: "I have no scruples about recommending this berry as one of the reliable varieties. It produces a large crop of fine fruit, and is as well able to mature its fruit as any we have. It is probably the deepest rooting plant I have."

W. E. Sheppard says: "The ladies who have canned the Splendid tell me that they get about two quarts more per crate than from other sorts."

I have had many inquiries for the best canning berry. Those who want strawberries for this purpose should stick the above in their hat.

C. H. Summer, the originator describes it thus: "In sending out the Splendid we simply describe it as it appears where it originated, believing that when known its merits will win. We do not indulge in a multitude of superlatives such as "most remarkable," "most promising," "largest," "handsomest," "un-surpassed," but state exact facts as ascertained from count, measurement, observation and comparison, so that those who have not known it may get a fair idea of its characteristics.

- 1st. The Splendid is a staminate sort rivaling the best pistillates.
- 2d. It sets fruit on a larger percentage of plants than Warfield.
- 3d. It has produced more fruit on a given area than Warfield.
- 4th. It brought a higher price and shipped in better condition than Warfield.

5th. If its success everywhere is as well as where tested it will pay to plant it largely."

J. T. Lovell describes Splendid as "a valuable new variety that is giving much satisfaction and is well worthy of confidence. It possesses a healthy, strong plant of luxuriant growth, even more productive than Bubach, the berries are medium to large, globular in shape, of bright color and attractive appearance, moderately firm and of very good quality. It is desirable for home use or market and we believe that it will give general satisfaction. Early."

**HOLLAND** (P.)—"A new variety of sterling merit, originating at Judsonia, Ark., four years ago; offered for the first time this season outside of its home, where it is highly prized and well known as a profitable market berry. Its general character insures it a universal success. It is a rank, upright grower of the Sharpless type of foliage, a strong plant-maker and wonderfully productive; fruit large to very large, of a dark reddish crimson color clear through solid and firm; holds its size to the last pickings; all are large to very large; form round to oblong; positively no coxcomb or ill-shaped fruit; a firm, good shipper; ripens with the Crescent; has a pistillate blossom; is altogether a very desirable new sort that is sure to please all who give it a trial, and at the low price it is being sent out, everybody should plant this sort. Although it has not been tested outside of its home, its general character assures it a universal success." —J. W. Vestel. It has made a splendid growth here but has not fruited yet.

**ARROW**—This is a very rank grower of healthy plants. The fruit is medium size, well colored and firm; quite productive.

E. W. Cone, the originator speaks of it as follows: "This is a seedling of Haverland, originated at my hands in 1890 and fruited for the first time the following year. Unlike many seedlings it has seemed to increase in vigor and size with each successive fruiting. A strong vein of its crescent blood is marked in the plant, which is of very vigorous habit, with a bright and healthy foliage, absolutely free from rust in all seasons. The fruit ripens with Haverland and resembles it closely in form, but is much brighter in color, firmer in texture and of higher flavor. On my soil it is very nearly, if not quite, as productive as Haverland, both in quarts and in number of berries, for, though falling below Haverland in size of its largest specimens, it contains a greater uniformity in size and shape. It inherits the valuable characteristic, so notable in its parents, of bearing a pistillate flower that is easily fertilized, having some pollen of its own, and occasionally a bi-sexual blossom is seen. I consider it as a variety of much merit and if it succeeds as well elsewhere as in Wisconsin it will become very popular."



**CYCLONE** Has done well here. The plants are very healthy and rank growers and stand drought remarkably well. The fruit somewhat resembles Haverland but is firmer and colors all at once better. It has a perfect blossom and is one of the best to fertilize early pistillate kinds. My experience with it is that it is equal to the Haverland in every way with the advantage of a perfect blossom and is fully a week earlier.

The Rural New Yorker describes it thus: "June 5th. This is a promising variety. It is among the earliest though not the earliest. The vines are as thrifty as it is desirable they should be. Peduncles tall. Berry medium red; not firm enough for a distant market; quite uniformly heart shape, seeds yellow, flesh red, mild, fair quality. The berries average large for so early a variety."

I quote from the originator as follows: "Cyclone has a perfect flower, is the earliest with me the plant is large and a vigorous grower; free from rust. It is as healthy and hardy as any ever sent out, makes many runners and is enormously productive. It excels all other kinds we have ever fruited of the early varieties. We do not claim for it the largest size, but that it is above medium average, always of uniform shape, a bright color—the berries color all over at once a bright red; then changing to a dark glossy red; the flavor is excellent and a No. 1 shipper."

**MUSKINGUM.** I have been cultivating and testing this variety for about five years. It makes a large, perfect blossom on good stout fruit stems, and is very prolific in bearing, and in vigor and growth of plant is not surpassed by any. Never blights, scalds or burns in the leaf, no matter how hot or wet the weather. The berries are of large size, and continue large to the end of the season. In form, obtusely conical, but mostly round toward last of the season; yet few of the very largest are coxcomb. They ripen very evenly all over; the berries never scald or burn in the sun, and we have had them hang on vines for several days after ripening without spoiling. The berry is a very nice, red, glossy color, with red flesh and of good flavor, which makes it a good berry for home use and one of the most profitable market berries we have ever grown.

It seems to do well on any soil, and it needs no special culture. With an ordinary chance it bears a heavy crop of large, fine looking berries. It is usually of roundish, conical form, rarely misshapen, and of fine color clear through.

**STAPLES.**—“This variety is a seedling of the Warfield, originated by a Mr. Staples—now deceased—of Dayton, O. The plant is only of moderate size, but one of the most vigorous and healthy varieties ever seen. As many as 1142 plants have been grown from one in a single season, by ordinary layering. A market gardner near Dayton set out 48 plants on Aug. 12, 1892, and from them and their runners he had over four bushels in 1893. It is enormously productive, and yet it has a perfect blossom. I have fruited it twice, and am inclined to think that it is destined to become a favorite for both home use and market. The fruit has brought from three to five cents a quart more than other varieties where it is best known. Last June it sold for 35 cents in Dayton, at the beginning of the season. The fruit is about the size and shape of the Warfield, has a slight neck, and the color is very dark, glossy red. It is doubtful if any other variety is so dark clear through. The quality is superior to most dark berries.”

The above was clipped from M. Crawford’s 1895 catalogue from whom I bought my stock for propagation last Spring. The plants have done well here and I have no doubt the variety is a valuable acquisition.

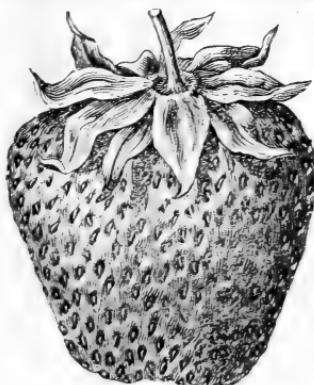
**PARIS KING**—A new berry from Illinois: Originated with B. O. Curtis. The plants are very healthy and vigorous and entirely free from rust. The fruit is large to very large somewhat irregular in shape but good quality. The berry shown in the description is from a photograph and is a true representation of its general appearance except that it is considerably reduced in size. It is a strong staminate and an excellent variety to plant with large pistillate sorts. Paris King is highly recommended by Mr. J. G. Bubach, the well known originator of Bubach No. 5.

**SHUCKLESS**—This strawberry was introduced in the spring of 1893 by the Hoover & Gaines Company, Dayton, Ohio. It possesses a peculiar feature, distinguishing it from all others, as its name indicates. In picking, it parts readily from the stem, the shuck remains on the stem instead of the berry. It is a strong grower, healthy and hardy, plant producing berries of uniform size and color in great abundance and of the best quantity.

**BANQUET.**—“A cross of the wild field strawberry with one of the best of the large, cultivated varieties; combines size and productiveness with the delicious flavor of the wild strawberry.”—Introducers.

“After carefully testing the Banquet we accord it a place among the highest flavored strawberries. The exquisite flavor of the wild fruit is so marked that we can readily believe that this is due to crossing with the wild plant.” American Agriculturist.

“This variety promises to be one of the coming strawberries for home gardens and fancy market. The plant is very thrifty and the flowers are perfect. Size of fruit medium, one by one and one-quarter inches, and very uniform; shape conical, rather elongated; never coxcombed; color a rich, dark crimson, without tendency to lose color whenever ripe; flesh firm, coloring to the center and ripening equally in all parts; quality very good; flavor peculiarly rich and pleasing; possessing in a marked degree the aroma of the wild berry. The stems hold the fruit well up from the ground, resembling Crescent in this regard. In season it is about medium,”—U. S. Pomologist.



PARIS KING.



**MARY.**—My demand for plants of this variety was so great last spring that I had to dig the last plant to fill orders and consequently have not been able to fruit it yet. The introducer says in his fall of 1895 catalogue,

"In introducing this early variety two years ago we said, 'of the largest size, the most prolific in bearing, the most beautiful in appearance, and the sweetest large strawberry ever produced.' We have since tried it for two more summers and we would not today wish to withdraw or modify one word of the recommendation we then gave it. It has in all respects fully satisfied us and what is perhaps more convincing, has greatly pleased all who have tried it. The berries are uniformly of extra-large size, come in form with blunt apex, regular in size and shape, more or less rounded, deep crimson in color and of a rich fine quality. Its great thickness and solidness render it of exceptional value for distant shipment and it keeps in good condition and retains its fresh color remarkably well. In flavor it is medium to fine and it retains its large size to the end. In market it is reported as one of the best in color, flavor and size, always bringing the highest market price."

Mr. J. H. NORRIS, Greenup County, Ky., the originator of Lovett strawberry and a veteran professional strawberry grower writes on June 7th as follows:

"I have been growing strawberries for an occupation for the last sixteen years. Have tested during that period over 200 different varieties and have

never found any strawberry that would anywhere near equal Mary in vigor of plant, hardiness, productiveness, large size and beautiful appearance. I bought six plants in the spring of '94 and this season some of the plants yielded over two quarts per single plant of the largest and finest berries I ever saw. The foliage is black green and the plant withstands all extremes of weather without apparent injury. It stools out and covers nearly a foot square of ground. The berry is of good quality and a good shipper."

Mr. L. Shanley Davis, a well known New York city commission merchant says: "I have handled strawberries for the past twenty-seven years in this market. During these years almost every variety has come to us, on sale. This season and last we became acquainted with the Mary strawberry, grown by H. H. Alley. We find it one of the best in color, flavor and size. It has always brought the highest market price, often from five to ten cents more per quart than the best of other varieties in market with it.

**ANNIE LAURIE.**—"Originated about six years ago by Mr. John F. Beaver of Montgomery County, O. During the last twenty years he has tested nearly all the leading varieties, and he thinks this is not surpassed in real merit. One of the commercial growers near Dayton, when he first saw this in bearing on the originator's place, said: "I must have some of those plants if I have to mortgage the farm to pay for them." The same man wrote me afterwards that he believed it to be the best yet introduced. It comes so near perfection in size, form, color and quality that when shown at exhibitions, a large number of specimens are carried away for seed, or to be shown to those who could not attend. At our strawberry meeting in this county I had it and the Prince of berries, the standard of excellence, handed around for all to taste, and many declared the Annie Laurie to be the better.

I might say a great deal in praise of this berry, but I will simply give my own report of it. It has fruited with me four times, and I have watched it very closely. The plant is strong and stocky, a luxuriant grower, as healthy as any in cultivation, and a good bearer on either light or heavy soil. It has a perfect blossom, and the fruit will keep in perfection as long as any variety I know of. The berry is roundish and very uniform in shape and size. The color is a glossy red with bright, yellow seeds set on the surface. The quality is unsurpassed. It has never been grown in any quantity for market, nor has it been shipped, but I know of no reason why it is not a good market berry. It is just the variety to raise when one wants the best obtainable and plenty of it."—M. Crawford.

**TENNESSEE PROLIFIC**—Is one of the good medium early varieties, large size and quite productive. It is a very vigorous, healthy, plant with never a spot of rust, and I believe it is a variety that will do well under most any circumstances. It has a strong staminate blossom and is especially valuable as a pollinator. This variety is largely grown in the vicinity of Norfolk, Va., one of the largest strawberry sections in the world.

**IVANHOE**—Is comparatively a new sort, it fruited here last year and I consider it a very excellent early berry. It is one of the hardiest of plants, has a perfect blossom and is a good bearer. The fruit is large size, perfect in shape, bright red, excellent quality and one of the firmest, making it an excellent shipper.

**LEADER.**—This berry, when everything is favorable, is one of the finest ever produced. It is large size, medium early, best quality and very attractive, always commanding good price in market. It requires a medium low, rather stiff, springy soil. It is no good on thin light land. but if you have a soil as above described you can depend on it to please you.

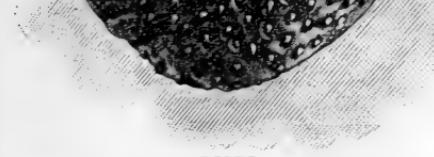


**WOOLVERTON.**—The above illustration is from a photograph and shows the magnificent size of this valuable berry. The Woolverton has always been one of my favorites.

I have fruited this three times and am convinced that it is a variety of great merit. Wherever it has been tested it has made a good record. It is a splendid grower, remaining green and healthy all summer, sending out a good number of runners, and bearing abundantly. The blossom is perfect, and it remains in bloom a long time. In fact it always matures a part of its crop before it is done blooming. This is a valuable characteristic, because it will prevent any great loss by a late frost, and also make it a rare variety to plant with pistillate. The fruit is very large, resembling Bubach in form. The color is a beautiful bright red and the quality is good. I am very glad to offer this variety to my customers as I think it is one that will give satisfaction. It was originated by John Little of Canada, and named for the editor of the Canadian Horticulturist. It is one of the best to plant with pistillate varieties as it has a large blossoming heavily charged with pollen. Plant largely of this, it is one of the best.

**PRINCESS** From Minnesota, plant healthy and vigorous. Very productive, blossoms pistillate, fruit large of regular form, bright red color and excellent flavor. It is one of the heaviest yielders I have, the fruit literally piles up 3 and 4 deep around the plants.

**BISEL** (P).—Originated in southern Illinois, by D. L. Bisel. It is a seedling of the Wilson. It has become noted as a market berry. I might easily print a few pages of testimonials, but will not. It has fruited here once and the following is its measure, taken in the field when the fruit was ripe: "Healthy, vigorous plant, and very productive. Fruit large, conical, regular, glossy red. Seeds red, slightly imbedded. Flesh light red, of good flavor and quite firm."



BISEL.

**GANDY**,—a good reliable standard late variety, the most largely cultivated of all the late kinds. Fruit large, very firm, and an excellent market berry. It is productive under good culture. While it is one of the best when

properly fed and cultivated it will not thrive under neglect.

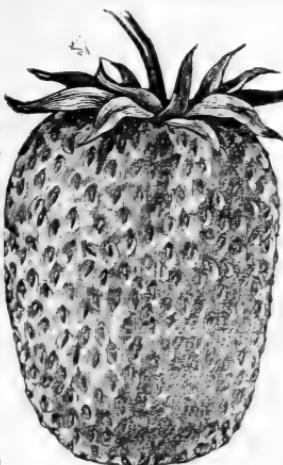
**BELLE**.—About five years ago a single plant of this variety was sent me for trial, by the originator, Mr. M. T. Thompson, (Cleveland Nursery Co.) I was so well pleased with it that I purchased the plants and increased the stock. In the spring of '93 I sent it out on trial, as "51." Several hundred persons bought one or two plants each, agreeing to report upon it after the fruiting season this year. These reports are now coming in. Some lost their plants by last year's drought and some their fruit crop by freezing weather this spring, but many had a fair chance to judge of its merits. Most of these think it promising, and some are enthusiastic in its praise. It has a perfect blossom and is late in ripening. It is very productive and the fruit is large. The best specimens are long, but many of the largest are fair shaped and from two to three inches across.—M. Crawford.

This has not fruited here yet except on a very small scale. The fruit is large but what few plants I had last year seemed inclined to rust. My present stock however is very vigorous and healthy and does not as yet show any signs of rust. If any of our readers wish plants of this we have some very fine ones.

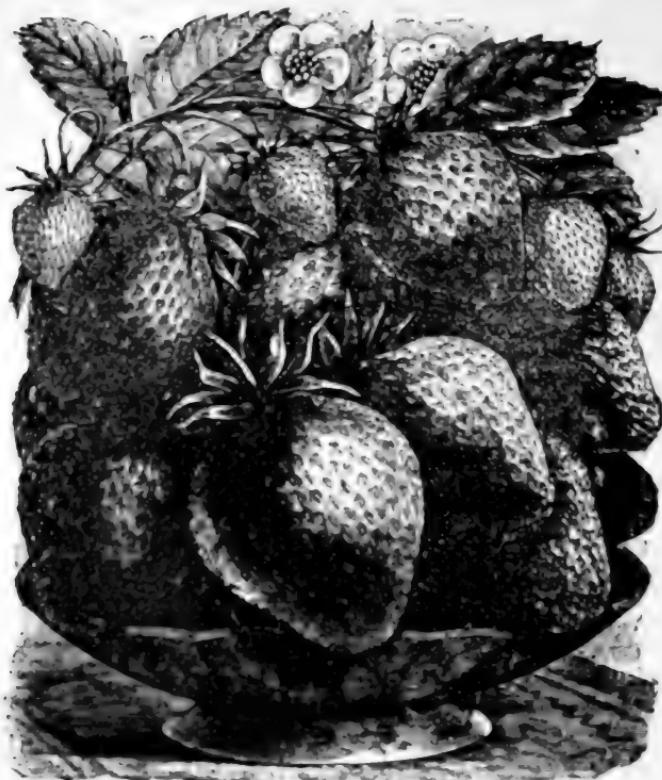
**LOVETT**—Very productive, medium to large and firm, ripens the bulk of its enormous crop mid season to late though it often has a few scattering early berries. It is a vigorous, healthy grower and a strong staminate, making it a valuable variety for fruiting pistillate sorts.

**EDGAR QUEEN**—Vines look as though they had been polished, very vigorous and healthy, fruit large size firm and productive, if under good culture a favorite with many. Season medium to late.

**DAYTON**,—Is a good medium early kind, large size, firm, good quality and moderately productive. I like it.



BELLE.



LADY THOMSON.

**LADY THOMSON.** This fine strawberry was originated in Wayne county, North Carolina, by Mr. Thomson, whose name it bears, and is described as follows by the disseminator: "It is most satisfactory, and after testing it fully am well pleased with it and find it by far the best paying berry we now have. It has more good points than any strawberry I have ever seen, stands more drouths and frosts than any other berry, being early, very large, a perfect bloomer and good grower and shipper; has perfect shape, good color, fine flavor and is just the berry we have been looking for for twenty years, and it has come to stay and will take care of itself in the meantime. Give it a fair showing." Its introducer says: "I picked at the rate of 10,000 quarts per acre the past spring, 1893. This may seem an exaggeration but I expect to do the same again the coming season. A trucker in Princess Anne county, Virginia, in 1894 picked from one acre 6,000 quarts at five pickings in seven days. It is claimed to be the best all round early strawberry now grown for the northern market. The berries run large through the entire picking season; has good keeping qualities and fine flavor, making it very attractive to berry dealers and fancy trade, and will always command a better price. I have not yet fruited the Lady Thomson's, but have a fine lot of pure plants and those who contemplate planting it in large quantities and wanting from 10,000 to 100,000 plants would do well to correspond with me. I have written to several commission men about Lady Thomson and have the following replies:

New York City, June 5th.—W. F. Allen Jr. Dear Sir:—Yours to hand and noted. In regards to Lady Thomson Strawberry will say we know it to be the best seller and heaviest producer of any berry recently introduced. There has been a vast difference in prices between these and ordinary fruit. The Lady Thomson is a wonderful berry for holding up. Yours truly, R. W. Dixon & Son.

Boston, June 5th—W. F. Allen, Jr., Salisbury, Md., Dear Sir:—Replying to yours of the 3d inst. will say that the Lady Thomson is a large berry and that is what our market wants. A large, good colored, good carrying berry.

Yours etc., Jona Bigelow & Co.

New York City, June 7th—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir:—Replying to your favor of the 3d inst. in reference to Lady Thomson Strawberry will say we consider it the best market berry that has yet been introduced. It is very large and showy. a good carrier, arrives here in as good condition as any other berries shipped from same point, and as a seller it has no equal.

Very truly yours, Geo. Allison & Co.

**BEDAR WOOD.**—This is one of the berries that can be depended upon, and any one without it is not in the swim, as the phrase goes. But a few days behind Mitchell, lasts long, good size, quality good, an abundant bearer, and will pass through a drought that will kill most varieties. Healthy foliage and makes plenty of plants. It is very productive and one of the most reliable early sorts. I have a fine lot of plants and will be pleased to supply all who want them.

**BARTON'S ECLIPSE**—is a reliable standard sort that always gives satisfaction. It is a splendid grower and a heavy yielder of large sized and good flavored berries. It is as large as Bubach, equally as productive and a much better shipper. It is positively one of the best of the standard sorts. I always plant largely of this and have never yet had occasion to regret doing so.

**BUBACH NO. 5.**—Too well known to need a description. I will say however that my plants are selected stock and there is no finer strain in America.

**GREENVILLE.**—This has become generally known throughout the whole country. It is a vigorous grower and enormously productive of large berries. Many who fruited it last season speak in the highest terms of it. Owing to the extremely hot weather last year it was not as firm as usual here.

**HAVERLAND.**—Too well known to need describing here. It is one of the old reliable sorts that seldom fail to give satisfaction.

**PRINCETON CHIEF.**—Is a tall, luxuriant grower, free from rust or disease. It grows equal to Crescent. The originator claims everything for it, but as yet it has not developed anything wonderful here. I have a fine lot of plants that I will sell cheap to anyone who wants them.

**SAUNDERS.**—A Canadian berry of great value to the market grower. I wish that all my customers would test it, as it is among the most desirable. The plant is large and vigorous, and is as healthy and hardy as any ever sent out. It makes many runners, has a perfect blossom and is very productive. The fruit is very large, conical, slightly flattened and often has a depression on one or both sides. It is deep red and remarkably glossy. The flesh is of the same color, and has a sprightly, agreeable flavor. This is also a very fine variety to plant with pistillate sorts, and is a good berry for most any purpose.

**SHUSTER'S GEM.**—A fine variety with a strong, vigorous plant and bright healthy foliage. Fruit large, globular, regular and uniform, beautiful bright scarlet, excellent quality. It is only moderately firm and hence not especially adapted for distant shipment, but for local market or the home garden it is unexcelled. Early to midseason.

**WARFIELD.**—Too well known to need description. It is wonderfully productive of medium sized, firm berries, fruit red through and through. This variety is largely planted in the west. Valuable for canning.

**TIMBRELL.**—I am sorry to say I was badly disappointed in this berry the past season, as it failed entirely. I recommended it last year in good faith as it did well the previous year considering its show, I still have some good reports on it and it may be all that is claimed for it in some sections. It certainly has been highly plauded by some reliable and disinterested parties, but it failed so completely here last spring that I haven't a good word for it any longer. My plants of this are very fine and I will be pleased to supply all who want it. You can get better nowhere.

**BEVERLY.**—While this is an average good berry I see nothing remarkable about it.

**COLUMBIAN.** The originator says: "In placing this berry before the public we do so with a feeling of assurance that it will please, as its place with us is first on the list. We consider it is the best strawberry in cultivation. It is a bright scarlet color, so much desired in a market berry, and is quite firm and remarkably large for an early berry. Ripens with Mitchel's early and Hoffman and is an immense yielder; it actually bears in piles. Most early berries are shy bearers and small in size, but the Columbian reverses this. We do not claim it to be as good, but the best early berry. It is a strong grower and has a perfect blossom. All who have tried the Columbian give it the highest praise; it is free from rust; sends its roots deep in the ground, thereby standing droughts without dying out in spots." I had a very nice patch of this to fruit last spring but it was entirely ruined by frost and I can say nothing personal about its fruiting qualities. In plant growth it is all that is claimed.

**GREAT PACIFIC** A fine, large, early pistillate variety. Fruit a dark red sometimes green tips, fair quality. Very productive and a healthy vigorous grower.

**HOFFMAN**—The great southern market berry, especially valuable for its shipping qualities, being perhaps the firmest berry grown. When it first turns red it will bear almost any amount of handling.

**JESSIE**—Unreliable, but where soil and climate suits it is one of the best; large size and good quality. It has netted \$1100.00 per acre in this state under favorable conditions, but has often failed entirely. It has been so extensively advertised and planted that it is well known everywhere. Should be planted on a springy rich loam. We have some very fine plants for those who want them.

**MEEK'S EARLY**—A good early sort on stiff rich land, but no good on light sandy soil. The fruit is medium size, firm and a very dark red.

**MITCHEL'S EARLY**—The best early berry for thin light soil, but does well most anywhere; there is none earlier. The quality is good and is a valuable market berry on account of its extreme earliness. This variety is often better the second year of fruiting than the first.

**MRS. CLEVELAND**—vibrant and healthy plant, productive, fruit large and very good quality. Soft.

**PARKER EARLE**—Sets an immense crop but does not bring it to maturity here. It does well however in some sections and I continue to grow it to supply plants to those who want them.

**ROBINSON**—A western berry, very vigorous and healthy foliage, quite productive.

**BELMONT.**—A good table berry, my wife's favorite of them all. Large size good flavor, about medium in productiveness, makes a large, bluff, stalky plant. Our plants are nice.

**SHARPLESS**—Well known everywhere for its large size and good quality, does best in low land.

**STAYMAN NO. 1**—vigorous grower, size and productiveness about the same as Crescent. Commences to ripen at mid season and holds out to the very latest.

**SWINDLE**—A large vigorous and healthy plant but of no special merit.

**VAN DEMAN**—Reported as doing well in some places but very inferior here. It sets an immense load of fruit but matures but very little of it. The fruit, when you can get any, is of good color and firm.

**WILSON**—Known everywhere needs no description.

**CRAWFORD**—large size, very firm, good quality.

**CESCENT**—too well known to need description. My stock of this is very fine, succeeds every where.

**ENHANCE**.—It is a general purpose berry, and can be grown for a fancy or high priced market, for home use, for canning, for pleasure or for profit. The plant is a vigorous and healthy grower, with dark green foliage; it sets an abundance of well proportioned runners which easily take root. It is a beautiful grower; its flower is perfect. Its berries are of the large size, and being very firm and of a bright crimson color, makes them very attractive and salable. Its firmness aids in its keeping qualities both before and after being packed. My stock of plants is unusually fine.

**GANDY BELLE**.—Is a large berry, perfect bloom and very productive. Berries dark red when ripe. The plant is a very strong grower; always makes a heavy bed of plants. Time of ripening, early; quality fairly good.

**GILLESPIE**.—A seedling of the Haverland with a perfect blossom, large size, good quality and very firm for a large berry. Not as productive as its parent.

## NEW NAMES FOR OLD VARIETIES.

Early Idaho is Clark's Early renamed.  
 Boynton is Crescent under a new name.  
 Ella is only a new name for Mitchel's Early.  
 Beeder Wood is called Racster by some.  
 Gandy and First Season are identical.  
 Lovett was first called Lovett's Early.  
 Sandoval and Warfield No. 1 are the same.  
 Michael's Early, Michel's Early and Mitchel's Early are the same.  
 Gandy Belle, Isabella and No Name are one and the same.  
 Shuckless is said to be the old Mt Vernon under a new name.

## DISCARDED.

Some of the following varieties have some merit and some of them are entirely worthless, but none of them have enough good qualities to justify their cultivation when we have dozens of others so much better. The list is as follows: Acme, Accomack, Anna Forest, Alabama, Auburn, Bessie, Bidwell, Bomba, Beebe, Cloud Seedling, Chairs, Capt. Jack, Cowan, California, Clingto, Cameronian, Cristal City, Clark's Early, Dew, Eureka, E. P. Roe, Edward's Favorite, Farnsworth, Felton, Gipsy, Gen. Putnam, Gov. Hoard, Hatfield, Hyslup, Henderson, Jay Gould, Jucunda, Klickitia, Kentucky, Lady Rusk, Leviathan, Lida, Mineola, Monarch, Manchester, Mammoth, Middlefield, Ontario, Old Iron Clad, Oregon Everbearing, Pineapple Price Seedling, Pearl, Parry, Reginia, Shaw, Sandoval, Southard, Stevens Viola, Yale.

## IN CONCLUSION.

I wish to say to my many friends and patrons that the foregoing descriptions are true to the best of my knowledge. What I have to say concerning the different varieties is as I have seen them. Where other authority is quoted I have endeavored to give the most reliable. Some varieties that do well here may fail at some other place, but it is not my desire or intention to describe any variety in a way to mislead or disappoint any one.

**PRICE • LIST.**

VARIETY.	12 by Mail post paid.	100 by Mail post paid.	100 by Ex. not paid.	100 by Ex. not paid.
Annie Laurie.....	\$0 40	\$1 70	\$1 50	\$1 00
Arrow (P).....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Barton's Eclipse (P).....	20	80	60	4 00
Banquet.....	40	1 70	1 50	10 00
Bedar Wood.....	20	70	50	3 00
Belle.....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Belmont.....	20	80	60	4 00
Bisel (P).....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Beverly.....	20	70	50	3 00
Bouncer.....	1 00	5 20	5 00	
Brandywine.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Brunette.....	50	2 20	2 00	15 00
Bubach No. 5 (P).....	20	70	50	3 00
Clyde.....	2 00	10 00	10 00	
Columbian.....	20	70	50	3 00
Crawford.....	20	80	60	4 00
Crescent (P).....	20	60	40	2 50
Cyclone.....	20	80	60	4 00
Dayton.....	20	80	60	4 00
Edgar Queen (P).....	20	70	50	3 00
Eleanor.....	75	3 20	2 00	25 00
Enormous (P).....	50	2 20	2 00	15 00
Enhance.....	20	70	50	3 00
Gandy.....	20	80	60	3 50
Gaudy Belle.....	20	80	60	3 50
Gardner.....	50	2 20	2 00	
Giant.....	50	2 20	2 00	
Gillespie.....	25	1 00	80	
Glen Mary.....	2 00	10 00	10 00	
Greenville (P).....	20	80	60	4 00
Great Pacific (P).....	20	70	50	3 00
Haverland (P).....	20	70	50	3 00
Holland (P).....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Hoffman.....	20	60	40	2 50
Ivanhoe.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Jessie.....	20	70	50	3 00
Lady Thomson.....	20	70	50	3 00
Leader.....	20	80	60	4 00
Lovett.....	20	70	50	3 00
Marshall.....	40	1 70	1 50	10 00
Mary (P).....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Meek's Early.....	20	70	50	3 00
Mitchel's Early.....	20	60	40	2 50
Mrs. Cleveland (P).....	20	70	50	3 00
Muskingum.....	20	80	60	4 00
Parker Earle.....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Paris King.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Princess (P).....	20	80	60	4 00
neeton Chief (P).....	20	80	60	4 00

VARIETY.	12 by Mail post paid.	100 by Mail post paid.	100 by Ex. not paid.	1000 by Ex. not paid.
Rio.....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Robinson.....	20	70	50	3 00
Saunders.....	20	70	50	3 00
Sharpless.....	20	70	50	3 00
Shuckless.....	20	80	60	4 00
Shuster's Gem (P).....	20	70	50	3 00
Staples.....	50	2 20	2 00	15 00
Splendid .....	20	80	60	4 00
Sunrise (P).....	50	2 20	2 00	
Sunnyside.....	40	1 70	1 50	12 00
Stayman No. 1 (P).....	20	60	40	2 50
Swindle (P) .....	20	70	50	3 00
Tennesse Prolific.....	20	80	60	4 00
Timbrell (P).....	25	1 00	80	5 00
Tubbs.....	25	1 00	80	6 00
Van Deman.....	20	70	50	3 00
Warfield (P).....	20	50	40	2 50
Wilson.....	20	70	50	3 00
Wm. Belt.....	2 00	10 00	10 00	
Woolverton.....	20	80	60	4 00

~~P~~ Those marked P have pistillate or imperfect blossoms and must be planted near some variety with perfect blossom to fruit them. I will furnish 6 of a kind at 12 rates, 50 or over at 100 rates, 500 or over at 1000 rates.

## COLLECTIONS.

### BY MAIL POSTPAID.

**Collection A.** (Early and Late)—12 Tubbs, 12 Lady Thomson, 12 Enormous and 12 Brandywine, for \$1.00.

**Collection B.** (Early)—12 Rio, 12 Lady Thomson, 12 Tubbs, 12 Ivanhoe, 12 Cyclone, for \$1.00.

**Collection C.** (Late)—12 Brandywine, 12 Enormous, 12 Muskingum, 12 Enhance, for \$1.00.

**Collection D.** (New kinds)—6 Tubbs, 6 Staples, 6 Sunnyside, 6 Eleanor, 6 Enormous, all for \$1.00.

**Collection E.** (New kinds) 6 Glen Mary, 6 Wm. Belt, 6 Eleanor, for \$2.00.

**Collection F.** (New) 6 Glen Mary, 6 Wm. Belt, 6 Bouncer, 6 Clyde, 6 Brunette, 6 Staples, 6 Eleanor, 6 Gardner, 6 Sunrise, 6 Anna Laurie, 6 Sunny Side, 6 Tubbs, 6 Enormous, all for \$5.00.

### BY EXPRESS, RECEIVER TO PAY CHARGES.

**Collection G.** (Early and Late)—25 Lady Thomson, 25 Rio, 25 Brandywine, 25 Muskingum, 25 Splendid, for \$1.00.

**Collection H.** (Medium)—25 Ivanhoe. 25 Paris King, 25 Tennessee Prolific, 25 Mary, 25 Holland, for \$1.00.

**Collection K.** (Late)—25 Muskingum, 25 Brandywine, 25 Greenville, 25 Enhance, 25 Shuckless, all for \$1.00.

**Collection L.** (New)—12 Glen Mary, 12 Wm. Belt, 12 Bouncer, 12 Eleanor, 12 Staples, 12 Gardner, 12 Anna Laurie, all for \$5.00.

**Collection M.** (New)—25 Glen Mary, 25 Wm. Belt, 25 Bouncer, 25 Brunette 25 Eleanor, 25 Gardner, 25 Staples, 25 Sunny Side, 25 Sunrise, 25 Enormous, 25 Brandywine, 25 Tubbs, 25 Giant, 25 Annie Laurie, 25 Paris King, 25 Mary, \$10.

~~P~~ Order above collections, by the letters A, B, C. etc. All collections in previous catalogues are now out of date. We do not make changes in these collections. If the collections are not what you want please order from price list

## WHAT MY CUSTOMERS SAY.

Below I present a few of the hundreds of letters that I am continually receiving unsolicited from all parts of the country. Were I to print them all it would take a book of several volumes to hold them.

Providence Co., R. I., Oct. 18, 1895.—Dear Sir: The enormous plants sent by mail to S. D. Clark, through my order, were received in good condition, and were good plants. A. W. Clark.

Ont., Canada., May 5, 1895.—Mr. Allen, Dear Sir: Received my strawberry plants in first class condition. Thanks for the extras. W. F. Ellis

Manitoba, Canada, May 6—My plants reached me May 4th in good condition. Very fine plants very carefully packed. Yours, Herbert C. Redknap.

Atchison Co., Kan., April 16, 1895.—Plants received in good order. Thanks for liberal count. Respectfully, W. K. Smally.

Garland Co., Ark., April 16, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: Strawberry plants received, and were the finest I have ever seen. Thanks, S. D. Jester.

Jasper Co., Mo., April 6, 1895.—Dear Sir: I received the strawberry plants by express today. They were in the best condition and as fresh as when dug, although they were on the road four days. They are the finest lot of plants ever received here, so several strawberry growers tell me that saw them. Accept thanks for liberal count and promptness. Respectfully, P. O. Gustafson.

Franklin Co. Ohio, April 8, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The plants came in due time, and were the best plants I ever received, and in the best condition possible. You may rest assured of getting my orders in the future.

Yours Respectfully, A. H. Watson,

Cass Co., Mich., April 17.—Mr. Allen, Sir: If the plants you sent me are a fair sample of your plants and shipping it is good enough for any one.

C. E. Adams.

Boone Co., Ky., April 23.—Mr. Allen: We received plants on the 8th; they were in very good condition, considering the length of time they stayed in the city. Those who ordered with me were very much pleased with them. Many thanks for extras. M. A. Conner.

Marion Co., Fla., April 25, 1895.—Dear Sir: The plants came to hand some time ago, all right, and are now in blossom. I have never seen such fine plants before, and the count was liberality itself. Yours truly, E. Williams.

Rockingham Co. Va., April 15, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: Please excuse me for not acknowledging receipt of plants sooner. I will say that plants came April 8th after some delay, and then were sent to Rushville, Va., through a mistake or on account of the express agent not attending to his business properly, therefore I did not get them until the 10th at 11 a. m., and to my surprise, after so much handling and delay, the plants came to hand in good condition and are certainly fine plants. I will recommend your nursery to friends contemplating the purchase of plants and ask them to give you a chance to price their lists, and am sure if good plants and honest dealing is what they want you will get their orders. Yours very truly, Wm. A. Good.

Onandago Co., N.Y. May 21, 1895.—Mr. Allen, Dear Sir: The plants arrived last evening. They are without exception the best plants I ever bought. I have bought from a good many nurserymen but your plants take the "cake" and I am greatly obliged to you for them. They more than please. We have had no rain this spring, it is needed badly. Yours truly, Siles Adams.

Harrison Co., Texas, April 6, 1895.—The strawberry plants you sent me by mail arrived in due time and in admirable condition. Every plant is now growing finely. Ben C. Cooley.

Rock Co., Wis., April 5, 1895—Dear Sir: Yours in reply to my last direction received. Your collection E came in splendid condition and the plants are as large and fresh as one could wish, and the count generous. Thanks. It does a berry grower good to get such plants. Yours truly, F. J. Wells.

Sac Co., Iowa, April 2, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The strawberry plants were received today in good shape. They are good, strong, healthy plants. Thanks for liberal count. Yours truly, C. W. Conner.

Barnstable Co., Mass., April 30, 1894.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The plants came through all right and were the best I ever handled; thanks very much for the extras. When in need of more shall be pleased to patronize you. Very respectfully, Harry W. Packard.

Hamilton Co., Tenn., March 23, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: Your plants received in good order. I hope they will turn out as well as they have begun. I will take pleasure in recommending your promptness in business. It is more than I can say for some folks doing business this side of the bay.

Yours truly, F. T. Hampton.

Kent Co., Del., May 10, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr.: Enclosed you will find check for \$14.38. The plants were very fine and I have not lost a single one so far. Yours respectfully R. H. Hill.

Hartford Co., Conn., May 11, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The strawberry plants I ordered of you were received by me in first rate order. Every bunch held over count so I had to set extra rows. As compared with those dug from my own bed they far surpass the ones dug the same day I set yours. I don't see how you get such lovely roots. We may in the near future be glad to order more of other varieties. Yours respectfully, G. O. Case.

Evergreen, S. D.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The strawberry plants received in April were the finest plants I have ever seen. When I want some new kinds I will surely patronize you. Had they been inferior plants they never would have survived the severe drought last spring. Mrs. A. P.

Salem Co., N. J., April 29, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Esteemed Sir: Your plants came to hand April 22d. I received your card on Saturday stating they were shipped on Thursday. I expected when I opened them to see them nearly perished, but to my surprise found them just splendid, and I really believe they would have kept for two or three weeks. At first when I received your card on Saturday and found you had shipped them I was sorry I did not write you to ship them the first of the week, so I might set them out that same week, but it does not make any difference to your plants. I don't see why they were so long on the road, but I never saw a finer lot of plants in my life, they were all that I could wish or ask for and the extra count you gave me, well, I thank you ever so much. You have won a friend and customer, for whenever I want plants no matter what others may offer them for yours are good enough for me. Did you receive the plants I sent you—a sample of the standard varieties offered for \$1.25 per 1000. That man could not give me his plants, for I would not take the time to set them out, saying nothing about the land they occupy. I will do you good whenever opportunity gives me a chance. As ever respectfully,

Your friend, D. R. Kean.

San Joaquin Co., Cal., March 27, 1895.—Mr. W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The strawberry plants you sent me were received on the 25th inst., and were opened and set on the next day. Each package was found to contain from two to five plants over the dozen, all in good condition. I am well pleased with this order. Very truly yours, J. Manchester.

Winona Co., Minn., April 27, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Dear Sir: The strawberry plants arrived the 24th. I am more than pleased with them, they are as nice plants as I ever saw, not a poor one among them. They are the finest plants that have ever been shipped here. You filled my order in a most satisfactory way. Yours truly.

Wm. Macemon.

Lancaster Co., Pa., April 24, 1895.—W. F. Allen, Jr., Sir: The strawberry plants I ordered of you some time ago arrived at my place on the 22d inst. in good condition. They are the kind of plants to delight a strawberry grower. I never saw any better rooted, in fact the roots were so long I thought it advisable to have them clipped back some before planting.

Yours very truly, John F. Weaver, Jr.

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